

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. If anything, they should be augmented, not diminished. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I believe the FCC has only considered one side of the debate, the one that supports Mr. Powell's views. The very fact that most of the American public is unaware of this significant change in media ownership and power is testament to the need for more diversity of media, not less. Some of Mr. Powell's public comments indicate a disregard or even contempt for the public interest. This is alarming, to say the least.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition to the ONE official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. Mr. Powell should attend and participate in these hearings.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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